

gagaku

again
swirls of color
like taffy
a young girl I
knew in childhood
changing her name
to Stephanie
and becoming what
they call
a Hollywood star.
flocks of midwestern
birds descend on Hollywood
and become rebellious
hookers.

I was lucky
I was raised in Hollwood
I know it
enough to keep away
Hollywood
is no path at all

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this is my
soul
exercise
I feel good about it
here we don't matter much
here what happens is
experience

I have experience here
I am
a gagaku professional
tuned in to this soul
tuned in to this music
all you can do is
reject I
continue and some of you
hear me pick up these words
immortalize them upon
your thin pages
I am arrogant with my successes
my soul grins

-- Steve Richmond

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